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**Continuation of 3:** As amended, the claims require at least one flipper that “completely” envelops an associated annular reinforcing element and bead filler. The previous claim, however, simply required that said flipper “substantially” envelopes the respective tire components and as such, the amended claims would require further search and consideration.

**Continuation of 11:** Applicant’s arguments are primarily with respect to the amended claim language and as such, are not commensurate in scope with the pending claim language.

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